

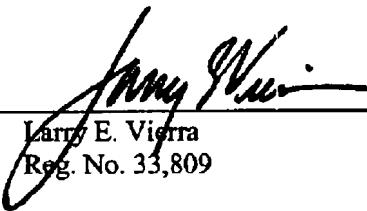
Remarks

A telephonic interview was conducted with the Examiner on May 6th and May 8th, 2002 concerning the above claims. Also discussed was U. S. Patent No. 6,330,590, not officially of record at the time of the Interview, but raised by the Examiner as a possible reference.

Agreement was reached on the allowability of the above-amended claims over the prior art of record as well as U. S. Patent No. 6,330,590.

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